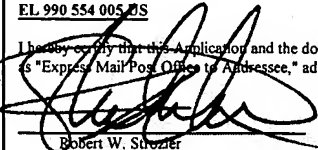


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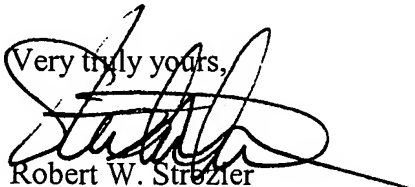
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE PROFILING USING MICROWAVE GC APPARATUS**

and invented by:

**John Crnko and Scott Warren**

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  - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
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  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description of the Invention
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
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8. ☒ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents*)
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